

**AMENDMENT TO H.CON. RES. 108**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TAUZIN**

Amend the preamble to read as follows:

Whereas America's community of faith has long played a leading role in dealing with difficult societal problems that might otherwise have gone unaddressed;

Whereas President Bush has called upon Americans "to revive the spirit of citizenship . . . to marshal the compassion of our people to meet the continuing needs of our Nation";

Whereas although the work of faith-based organizations should not be used by government as an excuse for backing away from its historic and rightful commitment to help those who are disadvantaged and in need, such organizations can and should be seen as a valuable partner with government in meeting societal challenges;

Whereas every day faith-based organizations in the United States help people recover from drug and alcohol addiction, provide food and shelter for the homeless, rehabilitate prison inmates so that they can break free from the cycle of recidivism, and teach people job skills that will allow them to move from poverty to productivity;

Whereas faith-based organizations are often successful in dealing with difficult societal problems;

Whereas, as President Bush has stated, "It is not sufficient to praise charities and community groups; we must support them. And this is both a public obligation and a personal responsibility.";



Whereas corporate foundations contribute billions of dollars each year to a variety of philanthropic causes;

Whereas a recent report by the Working Group on Human Needs recommends a number of actions that corporations and private foundations could undertake to better assist philanthropic organizations to meet the human needs of the Nation's communities;

Whereas the report by the Working Group on Human Needs recommends that, to strengthen the relationship of faith-based organizations and private foundations, both private contributors and potential faith-based recipients of such funding should consider adopting common standards and principles to enable institutional contributors to understand their options, be clear about their limits, and level the playing field for eligible faith-based organizations;

Whereas according to a study produced by the Capital Research Center, the 10 largest corporate foundations in the United States contributed \$1,900,000,000 to philanthropic causes; and

Whereas according to the same study, faith-based organizations only receive a small fraction of the contributions made by corporations in the United States, and 6 of the 10 corporations that give the most to philanthropic causes explicitly ban or restrict contributions to faith-based organizations: Now, therefore, be it

